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AUXILIARY ISSUE

POETRY

THE SOUL.

And is this education? This the training
Of an immortal spirit for the skies?
Would you thus teach it virtue, by restraining
Its heavenward aspirations till it dies?
Thus fit it for a life beyond the grave,
By making it a helot and a slave.

To earth-born passions, and unholy lust,
And grovelling appetites? Oh no! the soul,
Blazoned with shame, and foul with earthly dust,
And for an emblem bearing o'er the whole
The crafty serpent, not the peaceful dove
Has no escutcheon for the courts above.

Why, then, prove false to nature's noblest trust,
Why thus restrain the spirit's upward flight,
And make its dwelling in the loathsome dust,
Until "earth's shadow hath eclipsed its light"?
Why deck the flesh, the sensual slave of sin,
And leave in rags the immortal guest within?

Beware! The Israelites of old, who tore
The lion in his path, when poor and blind,
He saw the blessed light of heaven no more,—
Shorn of his noble strength, and forced to grind
In prison, and at times led forth to be
A pander to Philistine revelry,—

Destroyed himself, and with him those that made
A cruel mockery of his sightless eyes!
So, too, the immortal soul, when once betrayed
To minister to lusts it doth despise,
A poor blind slave,—the scoff and jest of all,—
Expires, and thousands perish in the fall!

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Intelligence and courtesy not always are combined;
Often in a wooden house a golden room we find.

—Friedrich Von Logau.

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GET KNOWLEDGE ALL YOU CAN; AND THE MORE YOU GET, THE MORE YOU BREATHE UPON ITS NEARER HEIGHTS THEIR INVIGORATING AIR AND ENJOY THE WIDENING PROSPECT, THE MORE YOU WILL KNOW AND FEEL HOW SMALL IS THE ELEVATION YOU HAVE REACHED IN COMPARISON WITH THE IMMEASURABLE ALTITUDES THAT YET REMAIN UNSCALED. BE THOROUGH IN ALL YOU DO AND REMEMBER THAT THOUGH IGNORANCE OFTEN MAY BE INNOCENT, PRETENSION IS ALWAYS DESPICABLE. QUIT YOU LIKE MEN, BE STRONG, AND THE EXERCISE OF YOUR STRENGTH TODAY WILL GIVE YOU MORE STRENGTH TOMORROW. WORK ONWARDS, AND WORK UPWARDS; AND MAY THE BLESSING OF THE MOST HIGH SOOTHE YOUR CARES, CLEAR YOUR VISION, AND CROWN YOUR LABOURS WITH REWARD.

—WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE.

The Fulness Of Times

(Continued from Vol. 104, No. 13; Thursday, March 26th, 1942)

THE NEW PROMISED LAND.

EPISODE III. SCENE I.

NARRATIVE.

So, as with Jared, the pilgrimage from Babylon to the new land of Promise sixteen hundred years before, was guided by Divine Revelations. Lehi and his sons were led by the same spirit. They crossed the wilderness to the shores of the sea, where revelation came to Lehi, that he should build a great ship in which to make their escape. Engineered by his faithful son Nephi, this was done. Lehi and his people set sail, and after many days came upon a new world.

We learn from Sacred Records, handed down by Lehi, that again two great nations flourished on the American Continent, the offspring of Lehi's sons. One nation became known as the Nephites, the other as the Lamanites, but in time they so forgot their God, that they warred with each other to the point of extinction. By 326 A.D. the Nephites had been defeated, and looked about them for a new leader. They chose a wise and strong youth by the name of Mormon, who was both a priest and a soldier. In preparation for this mission, Mormon had been instructed in his youth by the good priest Amaron.

Amaron: There have been thousands of years of travail on these shores. Great nations have come and gone, and to me have been handed down the sacred records of our people. The Brass Plates of Laban and the Golden Plates of Nephi, and of the Jaredites of old. Come near me lad!

Mormon: Yes, Master Amaron.

Amaron: Thou, Mormon, son of Mormon, art set apart. I perceive that thou art a sober youth and quick to observe. Therefore, observe closely my son. When you shall have reached your 24th year, which is the time appointed, I would that ye should remember the things ye have observed concerning this people. And when ye are of age, go to the land of Ankum, unto a hill which shall be called Shim. There I have deposited unto the Lord all the sacred engravings concerning this people. Ye shall take the Plates of Nephi unto yourself, and the remainder ye shall leave in the place where they are. And ye shall engrave on the Plates of Nephi all those things that ye have observed concerning this people against the day of their bringing forth in the Fulness of Times.

SCENE II.

NARRATIVE.

Mormon grew to be a strong and valiant youth, so that in his sixteenth year he was chosen to lead the Nephites against the Lamanites. In his twenty-fourth year, in the course of his wanderings with Nephite armies, he came to the city of Jashar, near the hill Shim, where Amaron had deposited the ancient records, and, recalling his earlier instructions, Mormon recovered the plates of Nephi and began to add to them the Record of his time.

Boy: What is it you write now, Master Mormon?

Mormon: Things that are not for this generation, but for the generations to come, for those people who have lived in this land long after all our people have passed away.

Boy: A prophecy, Master Mormon?

Mormon: A prophecy, and more than a prophecy, a salvation.

Boy: Read it aloud to me, Master, that I may know what is to come.

Mormon: Then listen: "Therefore, I write unto you, Gentiles, and also unto you, House of Israel, Yea, behold I write unto all the ends of the earth, and I write also unto the remnant of this people, who shall be judged."

Boy: To all the world, to the generations to come! Oh, it is a marvellous thing, Master.

Mormon: And these things doth the spirit manifest unto me. And they are written after this manner because it is known of God that wickedness will not bring them forth unto them, and they are to be hid up unto the Lord, that they may come forth in His own due time. Then will the Lord remember the Covenant which He made unto Abraham, and unto all the House of Israel.

Boy: When will that time be, Master?

Mormon: In the latter-days, my son. In the Fulness of Times.

SCENE III.

NARRATIVE.

Then in 400 A.D. came the great and final struggle between the two proud Nations then living on the American Continent. In this epic conflict, the Nephites and the Lamanites fought to the death. Mormon was severely wounded, as was his son, Moroni, but both escaped, and having been instructed by his father to complete the sacred record of his people, and then to hide it away in the ground, Moroni worked faithfully until the final downfall of his city.

Kishman: But, why, why, Master Moroni, do we run from Zarahemla?

Moroni: Because, Kishman, this city, like the ancient town upon whose ruins it is built, will be destroyed.

Kishman: But how do you know these things, Master?

Moroni: By revelation from the Lord, my young Priest. With power I saw the future of this great city. Even now the Nephites and the Lamanites fight to the death, and only a few will survive. If we stay, we will be put to the sword, and these sacred records lost. My father Mormon worked too long, and too faithfully, for them to be destroyed.

Kishman: Is that what you carry with you, Master Moroni? The Book of Gold Plates?

Moroni: Yes, this is the sacred book. It is heavy, but I shall have strength for my need.

Kishman: But where do we go, Master?

Moroni: To the ancient hill of Cumorah, which the Jaredites of old knew as Ramah. Come, before the Lamanites overtake us.

Kishman: We have found it, Master.

Moroni: Yes, the sacred stone box is here. Help me to open it.

Kishman: It is an old box, and strange, Master Moroni.

Moroni: Yes, left here by the inhabitants of the ancient city of Cumorah, and used by my father Mormon as a hiding place for the Golden Record. Here, give me your breast-plate, that I may place it in the box with the books.

Kishman: Why do you do that, Master?

Moroni: Do not question God's will. The hand of the Lord guided me in this. Put into the chest also the seerstone, that they may be found in the latter-days. I obey the instructions of my father, and preserve this record of the future. Come, help me lift that box into the crevice of the hill.

Kishman: But if you bury it here, how do you know the book will ever be found?

Moroni: Because of an old prophecy, written by the hand of Isaiah. "Thou shalt be brought down, and shall speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low, out of the dust." And also it is written: "Blessed be he that shall bring this thing to light, for it shall be brought out of darkness unto light, according to the word of God. Yea, it shall be brought out of the earth, and shall shine forth out of darkness."

Kishman: Master! you prophesy.

Moroni: It is written, my son, in that sacred book, and I have written, also, in the book, and no one need say they shall not come, for they surely shall, for the Lord hath spoken it. For out of the earth shall they come by the hand of the Lord, and none can stay it. And it shall come in a day when it shall be said that miracles are done away with, and it shall come, even as if one should speak from the dead. Yea! it shall come in a day when there shall be wars, and rumours of wars, in a day when there shall be great pollution upon the face of the earth, there shall be murders, and robberings, and lyings, and all manner of abominations. But woe, unto such.

Kishman: Look, Master, the earth shook, and the earth closed over the stone box. The sacred plates, and the book of your father Mormon are buried for ever.

Moroni: Not for ever, young Priest. A thousand years or more, and in the latter-days one will come worthy of the trust, who shall retrieve this book for mankind, and this prophecy shall be whispered all over the world, unto the Fulness of Times.

(To be continued)

For The Young Folk

Golden little dandelion
Nodding to the sun,
Pushing up to tell the world
That Spring has come!
Not so very precious,
Not so very rare;
But every little blossom
Just does his sunny share.

—Frances Ellen Funk.

SLAVES UNDER PHARAOH.

THIS week's story brings us to a new phase in the life of God's chosen people.

Israel died after he had blessed all his sons, and was buried in Canaan, along with his forefathers, and his wife Leah. So well respected was he, that all the people in Egypt mourned many days because of his death.

Joseph lived to be 110 years of age, and then he died also, and soon there were none of the sons of Israel left. Their descendants, however, became known as the "Children of Israel," or the "Israelites," and quickly became a very numerous people, very prosperous and powerful in the land. The Pharaoh who had befriended Joseph had long since died, and in his place was another ruler who hated the Israelites. You see, he was afraid because the Israelites were becoming so strong in numbers, and feared that some day they would be in a position to outnumber and conquer the Egyptians.

In order to subdue the Children of Israel, Pharaoh set them to work for his task-masters; but still the Israelites flourished and grew. Seeing that his plan had not succeeded, Pharaoh made the tasks of the people much harder. Many hardships and trials were put upon them, and in time they were so oppressed that they just became slaves to the Egyptians.

In spite of their increased misery and hardship, the Israelites still multiplied, so Pharaoh made a very cruel law which said that all the sons born to Israelite mothers must be thrown into the river to drown, and that only the daughters should be allowed to live.

So it was that after a comparatively short time had passed since the death of Israel and his sons, their descendants, God's chosen people, were in slavery to their Egyptian masters. God had not forgotten them, though, and next week we will read of a little Israelite boy who was born and who escaped the terrible law of Pharaoh, and grew up to become the great leader of the Children of Israel.

District Activities

London

London District held its Annual Gold and Green Dance under the direction of the M.I.A. on Saturday, February 21st, 1942. War conditions and attendant inconveniences prevented the presentation of the type of Ball that London usually gives, but the recreation hall of the South London Chapel was tastefully decorated in the M.I.A. colours—Green and Gold. Some fifty people joined in the dancing to music from a radiogram, and Sister Florence Vincent willingly responded on the piano for the "Virginia Reel." District Supervisors Sister Alice Tarr and Brother Joseph Willmott arranged the programme and Brother James P. Hill acted as M.C.

On Wednesday, February 18th, a lecture, illustrated with film slides, entitled "America, Then—and Now," was given by Elders Melvin Dunn and Alvin Gittins before the Women's Institute, Gerrard's Cross. Incidental music was provided by means of records of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir and Organ. The lecture was well received and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Missionaries by the eighty people present.

At Denton, Gravesend, two film

slide lectures have been given by the Gravesend Missionaries under the title "America — Whither, Whence?" An average of 24 people have attended on the two dates, March 4th and 11th. At each of these lectures the Missionary Quartette have rendered selections. The quartette are Elders Arthur Fisher, Melvin Dunn, Alvin Gittins and Harry Dyson.

The M.I.A. of the Brighton Branch held a successful social on Wednesday, 11th March, under the direction of Sister Yvonne Skelcher and Elder Harold Salway of the Canadian Army, who is a Home Missionary. Thirty members and friends were present, including five members of the Forces.

A baptismal service was held in the South London Chapel on Sunday, March 22nd. Gordon Priestley Garvin was baptised into the Church by Elder Ralph S. Mount. Confirmation followed at the hands of President Anastasiou. Addresses were given by Lady Missionary Sister Joyce Gittins, Elders James R. Cunningham and A. James Willmott. Brother Garvin is serving with Canadian Forces in this country.

IT IS SAID THAT WHEN BERNARD SHAW WAS A VERY YOUNG MAN, HIS FATHER SAID TO HIM, "MY SON, I AM AFRAID THAT I AM A FAILURE. TAKE ME AS YOUR GUIDE. WHATEVER I'VE DONE, DON'T DO." THIS SET YOUNG BERNARD TO THINKING. HE NOTICED THAT HIS FATHER ATE INDISCRIMINATELY AND A LARGE QUANTITY OF MEAT, HE SMOKED ALL DAY, DRANK ALCOHOL, AND TOOK NO FORM OF EXERCISE. AS HE ANALYSED HIS FATHER'S CONDUCT, HE SAID, "MOST MEN HAVE THE SAME HABITS AS MY FATHER AND MOST MEN ARE FAILURES, THEREFORE, A COMPLETE CHANGE OF HABIT MAY PRODUCE SUCCESS. ANYWAY, IT'S WORTH TRYING." YOUNG SHAW ATE MODERATELY, NO MEAT, DRANK NO ALCOHOL, TEA OR COFFEE, HE DID NOT SMOKE AND TOOK EXERCISE. HE HAD PERFECT HEALTH AND A CLEAR BRAIN AND HAS BECOME THE WORLD'S MOST PROMINENT SATIRIST. HE IS EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OLD.

Our Missionaries' Page

LAST week we outlined the New Project for all our Home Missionaries. From the reports reaching us, we can state that some Branches in the Mission are responding to it wholeheartedly and enthusiastically. One Branch in the Sheffield District has already nearly a hundred names completed for the Temple ordinances.

Our Home Missionaries have done well in visiting all our inactive members in most of the Districts. The plea, the encouragement and the counsel given by the Missionaries to all these members must now be left to take its own course. We know that those members who value their salvation and exaltation in the Eternal Kingdom will be wise and prudent in receiving the ordinances and commandments at the hands of the authorized Priesthood now functioning in this Church and building up the Kingdom of God among the Saints. The faithful of our members will be gathered to the land of Zion and

Another visit we made was to a Sister who lives 15 miles away from the Branch and cannot get out to meetings on account of illness. As soon as we arrived there, she fetched her tithing and fast offerings and gave them to us, although she had never seen us before. Her husband is not a member of the Church, but was very pleased to see us.

Alice A. Wild,
Eva Williams,
labouring at Letchworth.

receive their inheritances and blessings there; the careless and the faithless will have no part in it, not that the Priesthood of the Church will deny them the right of inheritance, but that they themselves will, through their own indifference, disobedience and the spirit of apostacy, rob themselves of the honour, the glory and the eternal exaltation. Zion shall be exalted, adorned as a bride, built up and prepared for the day to receive the King of kings, who will come among His

own people—the Saints of the Most High.

Home Missionaries, fulfil your assignments willingly and without delay. Be a saviour to someone who has died without the opportunity of hearing this Gospel and receiving its saving ordinances. Trifle not with this great Plan of Salvation; honour your sacred calling.

Reports from the Field:

"I have had two conversations with a young Methodist Minister on pre-existence, and have loaned a copy of the book "Joseph Smith, Scientist," to a Quaker friend."—Herbert Walker, Bradford.

"Had a very enjoyable visit with inactive members. They mentioned the previous visit of Lady Missionaries, and enjoyed gospel conversations."—Arvilla Smith, Sheffield.

"I lent a Relief Society Magazine to my neighbour who is a heavy smoker, and she had no idea smoking was so harmful, and has promised to cut it down gradually."—Margaret Walker, Sunderland.

**BY MY ACTIONS I WILL PROVE MY ALLEGIANCE TO
MY CHURCH, MY GOD, AND MY PEOPLE.**

—A. K. A.

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EDITORIAL

Ideals

ONE of my favourite stories is the one about King Solomon, who is said to have been the wisest man who ever lived.

You will recall that two women came before this glorious King, each claiming to be the mother of a baby which they brought with them. Solomon listened to their stories and then told them he was not able to tell from what they said which one was the rightful mother of the child. There was nothing for him to do but cut the child in half and give one half to each woman. He drew his sword and was seemingly about to bisect the baby when one woman screamed to him to give the child to the other woman. The wise old King knew that this woman was the mother of the child, so he gave it to her.

Of course, King Solomon had a big advantage over the average man. No wonder he was so bright. He had six hundred wives! Any man with the brains of that many women behind him, advising him, would make a big reputation for wisdom.

Women are all smart. I recall a visit at the home of a women friend. She had two children and there was only one apple in the house. Each of them wanted it. She told them, like King Solomon, to divide the apple between them, which they left the room to do. In a few moments they were back, the small boy insisting that he be allowed to divide the apple; his sister protesting. The mother solved the problem by telling the small boy that he could divide the apple, and that his sister could take her choice of the two pieces!

A few days ago my own small daughter came into the house quite indignant. She complained that one of her playmates did not believe in fairies. Her mother told her that if that little girl did not believe in fairies, she would never see one, because the only little girls who ever saw fairies were the little girls who believed in them.

The child went away satisfied. Again I realized that women

are smart. It is only the people who believe in things who ever have the chance to actually see them. Professor Langley, one of the earlier experimenters in aviation, had to endure years of ridicule because he believed that a heavier than air machine could be made to fly. The Wright brothers were known as the "crazy Wright boys," because they, too, believed in the heavier than air machine. Yet, because they believed, they saw the aeroplane fly, and we see them conquering the world today.

Marconi believed he could talk without wires; Edison believed he could make light with electricity; Francis Jenkins believed he could make pictures move; Simon Lake believed a boat could be made to travel under water; Lord Kelvin believed that ice could be made artificially at home; other experimenters believed that a carriage could be made to run without horses. Although they had never seen, yet they believed, and because they believed hard enough, we are enjoying the results of their beliefs today.

The great Red Cross Society was founded by idealists who believed that people are generous and ready to give of their hoard to relieve suffering anywhere and everywhere, and they lived to see those ideals realized.

The things we believe in are the only things we can make come true. If we believe in fairies, we can see fairies. If we believe the world is a good world, it becomes a good world to us. If we believe that there is more good in the world than there is evil, the very thought increases the amount of good and decreases the amount of evil. Believing in the good, we encourage the good.

If we believe the world has more honest people in it than it has crooks and dishonest people, we treat all people as honest, and thus encourage them to be honest.

It is true that the majority of men are honest, are well meaning, are generous, and are inclined to help those less fortunate than themselves, but most men are so busy solving the bread and butter problem that they are careless. Membership in the Church is a constant reminder of the better things in that life. All most men need is a reminder, and the Church is geared to put into community consciousness the idealism which is inherent in every living man.

It is true that only those who believe in fairies ever see fairies.

—By ROE FULKERSON.

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AUXILIARY SECTION

PRIESTHOOD

Under the direction of the Mission Presidency

WOMAN'S SHARE IN THE PRIESTHOOD.

The Priesthood is for the benefit of all members of the Church. Men have no greater claim than women upon the blessings that issue from the Priesthood and accompany its possession.

Woman does not hold the Priesthood, but she is a partaker of the blessings of the Priesthood. That is, the man holds the Priesthood, performs the Priestly duties of the Church, but his wife enjoys with him every other privilege derived from the possession of the Priesthood. This is made clear, as an example, in the Temple Service of the Church. The ordinances of the Temple are distinctly of Priesthood character, yet women have access to all of them, and the highest blessings of the Temple are conferred only upon a man and his wife jointly.—P. C. 81.

The Prophet Joseph Smith made this relationship clear. He spoke of delivering the keys of the Priesthood to the Church, and said that the faithful members of the Relief Society should receive them with their husbands, that the Saints, whose integrity has been tried and proved faithful, might know how to ask the Lord and receive an answer; for according to his prayers, God had appointed him elsewhere.

He exhorted the Sisters always to concentrate their faith and prayers for, and place confidence in their husbands, whom God has appointed for them to honour, and in those faithful men whom God has placed at the head of the Church to lead His people; that we should arm and sustain them with our prayers; for the keys of the Kingdom are about to be given to them, that they may be able to detect everything false; as well as to all the Elders who shall prove their integrity in due season.—T. 226.

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD OUTLINE OF STUDY.

FOR MAY, 1942.

Text: Priesthood and Church Government.

The following outlines indicate what material should be studied each week during the month of May. Note: Only three lessons are given each month. Class leaders should present the text covered by these lessons at the MONTHLY UNION MEETINGS ON THE LAST SATURDAY EACH MONTH.

Lesson XIII. Priesthood and the Home: Woman's Share.

(Read Chap. 7, pp. 83-88.)

Lesson XIV. Priesthood and the Home: Building Together.

(Read Chap. 7, pp. 89-93.)

Lesson XV. The Law of the Priesthood.

(Read Chap. 7, pp. 94-101.)

THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Dr. T. J. Howells, Health Commissioner of Salt Lake City, had the courage and wisdom to write some needed words relative to the evil of smoking by school students. In the Salt Lake Board of Health report for January, 1940, the Commissioner clearly indicated that smoking by boys and girls is definitely a "health problem," and that public-spirited individuals should do something about it—a statement with which we are in hearty accord. We sincerely hope that in every community suitable steps will be taken to prevent minors getting cigarettes.

Another interesting study was made of boys in the average public schools of New York City by P. L. Lord. Twenty boys were chosen by lot from non-smokers, twenty from smokers, in the same classes in the same schools.

Their ages ranged from ten to seventeen years. The two groups were under observation for several months, and reported upon by ten teachers. The results are as follows:—

The evidence at hand points clearly to a reduction of moral power from the use of tobacco.

A—Smokers; B—Non-Smokers.

	A	B		A	B
Nervous.	14	1	Careless in dress	12	1
Impaired hearing	13	1	Truants	10	0
Poor memory	12	1	Low ranks in studies.	18	3
Bad manners	16	2	Failed in promotion	79 *	2
Low deportment	12	1	Older than average in		
Poor physical condition	12	2	grade	19	2
Bad moral condition	18	1			
Street loafers	16	0			
Out nights	15	0			

*—Smokers. 79 times.
Non-Smokers, twice.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD.

BRANCH TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR MAY, 1942.

THE PRIVILEGE OF PAYING TITHING.

During the month of May every organization and every member of the Church is expected to give serious consideration to the subject of Tithing. This annual campaign is intended to direct the attention of Latter-day Saints to a definite obligation and a blessed privilege in the development of the Church, and in carrying the Gospel message to the ends of the earth.

While Latter-day Saints are under obligation to contribute to the sustenance of the Church, the obligation coming as a direct commandment through revelation, it is nevertheless a glorious privilege. As a privilege, it is near to the hearts of those who fully understand the Gospel and are living according to its teachings.

In its personal application it is a privilege, in that it opens the way to countless blessings—not that the promised blessings can be purchased with money, but that the blessings can be secured by everyone through obedience to the law.

When tithing is paid, the individual is blessed through not only the blessings which come from above, but also through the operation of a natural law. He who keeps careful account of his increase, who makes provision for and pays one-tenth of his income, becomes a better manager of his finances and is better able to direct the expenditure of the nine-tenths left for himself.

The family, whose husband and father is a faithful tithe-payer, benefits by sharing in the blessings which are promised, and through being taught thrift, economy, and honesty.

The Church benefits by having means provided for carrying on its work, for expanding its organization, for extending the blessings of the Gospel to countless thousands.

RELIEF SOCIETY

President - - - - - Sister Marie W. Anastasiou
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Second Counsellor - - - - - Sister Maud A. Hawkes
Secretary - - - - - Sister Miriam Mann

Dear Sisters,

Our Centennial Celebrations have ended. We have had pageants, luncheons, etc., and planted our trees. Tribute has been made to the Pioneers of our great organisation. Their memory will live forever.

The second century of Relief Society history has begun. Each member will contribute to the making of that history. So now to work in earnest.

Here in the British Mission, much progress has been made in the past ten years. The Sisters have become more self-reliant. No longer is it necessary for the Priesthood to conduct our lesson period, as used to be the case in many Branches some years ago. It was never intended that the Priesthood should take an active part in our meetings. The Relief Society was organised as a helpmeet to the Priesthood, and we have now attained that ideal. Many of our members are well qualified to conduct the lessons, and intelligent discussion make our meetings profitable.

To a great extent we have obeyed the injunction:

"Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."

But we can still improve. There is no end to progression.

We may expect more sorrow and heartache in the future, as the powers of evil sweep across the earth. But in our unity we shall find strength.

A Member of Parliament, speaking on the radio recently, said words to this effect: "I do not know why, but somehow I am convinced we shall come out of this struggle victorious. I feel that we have a great mission to perform among the nations. But this cannot come about until the people of Great Britain bend their knees in prayer to God." We are glad to hear such sentiments expressed by those in responsible offices. Surprising as it may seem, we freely offer to our world the key to everlasting peace. The freedom of expression is still ours to spread the good tidings to all men.

So let us encourage our Relief Society Sisters and Home Missionaries to deliver their message, when they enter our homes. Time is too precious to waste in idle talk and destructive criticism. In fact, let us make our motto, "Mind the Lord's Business."

The Prophet Joseph Smith said in one Relief Society meeting: "This Society is not only to relieve the poor, but to save souls."

So, first of all, we shall put our own houses in order, and then go forth in our greatest task in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ among mankind, and help in the speeding of the day

"When every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus is the Christ."

Sisters, the task is ours; may God give us the desire and the strength.

—Helen E. M. Poole.

GENEALOGY

Chairman - - - - - Elder James R. Cunningham
 Assistants - - - - - Elder Ira Wm. Mount
 Sister Catherine L. M. Horner
 Sister Hilda M. Woodford

The response of the District Presidents towards this grand principle of Salvation for our Dead has been excellent. Nine out of fourteen Districts have reported so far. We have every hope that the Districts not shown on the chart below will soon have the way opened for them to develop this most unselfish of works.

A—Number of Classes held; B—Average Attendance; C—Number Engaged in Research Work; D—Was Special Monthly Programme carried out.

	A	B	C	D		A	B	C	D
Bristol District.					Leeds District.				
Hanham ..	4	8	1	No	Leeds ..	4	20	12	No
Bristol ..	3	4	—	No	Bradford ..	4	8	12	No
Birmingham District.					Batley ..	4	13	6	No
Handsworth ..	3	6	4	Yes	Clayton ..	1	6	—	No
Kidderminster	3	4	3	No	London District.				
Northampton	3	4	4	No	St. Albans ..	4	8	—	Yes
Nuneaton ..	3	8	6	No	South London	4	12	7	Yes
Sparkbrook ..	3	5	3	No	North London	4	14	12	No
Staffordshire	2	6	1	No	Letchworth ..	4	7	4	No

Luton ..	3	4	4	No	Nottingham District.				
Chiswick ..	4	10	5	Yes	Eastwood ..	4	5	7	—
Newcastle District.					Leicester ..	4	6	7	—
South Shields	3	6	—	Yes	Loughboro ..	2	10	4	—
Sunderland ..	6	8	11	No	Sheffield District.				
Norwich District.					Doncaster ..	4	8	12	—
Norwich ..	3	11	5	Yes	Rawmarsh ..	4	3	1	Yes
Lowestoft ..	4	7	—	No	Sheffield ..	4	11	—	No

These reports paint a vivid picture of the actual conditions of the organisations in the Branches. May we consider a few points?

London District seems to show the most results, with Birmingham a close second. Undoubtedly Leeds has the best record for an individual Branch with an average of 20 attendances at four meetings.

The Special Monthly Programme was put over in only seven Branches out of the 28 reporting. The Genealogical Programme (Sunday evening service on Fast Sunday) for June will be in the "Star" Auxiliary Guide issued in May.

May all leaders in Branches and Districts play their part in helping spread this Spirit of Elijah throughout our goodly land.

MISSION GENEALOGICAL BOARD.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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PRELUDE

Third line, Song No. 84, Deseret Sunday School Songs.

SACRAMENT GEM, MAY:

May we be among the number,
 Worthy to surround the board,
 And partake anew the emblems,
 Of the sufferings of our Lord.

POSTLUDE:

Fourth line, same song.

Dear Sunday School Workers,

We append below, details of Sunday Schools who reported in time to be included in the Annual Sunday School report for the year 1941.

It will be observed, generally speaking, that for number enrolled, the attendance is rather poor. Will you see what can be done in your Branch to bring the attendance as near as possible to the number enrolled?

A—Population; B—Members Enrolled; C—Average Attendance.

	A	B	C		A	B	C
Birmingham.				Irish.			
Handsworth ..	215	37	22	Belfast ..	208	34	11
Kidderminster ..	93	23	15	Dublin ..	50	22	17
Northampton ..	82	12	9	Leeds.			
Nuneaton ..	104	34	25	Batley ..	74	16	12
Sparkbrook ..	100	43	24	Bradford ..	237	32	32
Hull.				Clayton ..	65	19	12
Gainsboro' ..	62	12	10	Leeds ..	—	45	20
Grimsby ..	107	16	10				

BRANCH THEME FESTIVALS AND HONOUR DAYS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE END OF THE PRESENT MONTH. At this event, present the best talent you have, in the most attractive manner. Show that the standard of recreational guidance in the M.I.A. is the highest yet. **SHOW THAT IT SATISFIES!**

MANUALS. There are still some Manuals out, which have not yet been paid for. We shall do our best to forward a statement of each account owing before the end of this month. Meanwhile, please assist us by settling your bill if you owe one.

CARRY ON!

LET'S GO TO MUTUAL!

SUNDAY CONJOINT PROGRAMME FOR MAY 3rd, 1942.

THEME: SPIRITUAL VALUES IN RECREATION.

Organ Prelude.

Song Service: "Praise Ye the Lord."

"Now let us Rejoice."

"O, Awake, my Slumb'ring Minstrel."

Prayer.

Scripture Reading: Romans 12: 1-12.

Brief Presentation of the M.I.A. Theme.

DIRECTIONS TO PRESIDING OFFICER.

A panel discussion of this subject would prove instructive and interesting. Have six members of the panel seated on the stand in a semi-circle facing the audience. The subject for discussion must have been previously assigned to the panel members. All members of the panel should study the entire topic, so that they will be prepared to talk intelligently and easily on any phase of it. Notes of written material should not be brought to the panel. Introduce the six members to the audience and present the general introduction to the subject, Recreation. Then let each person give his ideas on the general subject. Guide this discussion carefully, bringing out the idea suggested in the following programme, leaving time for a few concluding statements.

Introduction: The Significance of Recreation.

Summer time brings with it a longer period of daylight hours, and an increased amount of time for recreation and leisure.

Let us turn our attention this Sunday evening to the true value of recreation.

"Men are that they might have joy," a pure joy that recreates and builds upon that which we already have.

Recreation should be an essential part of our busy everyday living. Its purpose, to give growth and enjoyment to the body, mind, and spirit.

1. What is true recreation?

(a) A refreshing of strength and spirits after toil; a **re-creating** and building of our mental, physical, and spiritual stature. We shall do well to make good use of our leisure time.

(b) The Church, in its programme of Mormonism, has included recreation from the very beginning. The Prophet Joseph, it is recorded, would take off his coat and hat and race and jump with his friends, losing none of his dignity, and gaining their love and friendship in increased measure thereby.

(c) The Pioneers, in their long trek across the barren wastes of the prairie, were led and guided by a man who realized the healing power of laughter and the relaxation which comes with play. Along the march, songs and dances and other wholesome recreation made the glad hours stand out and become as much a part of the trip as the more serious ones.

2. What opportunity does the Church offer for leisure-time activity today?

The Mutual Improvement Associations have been given the charge of supervising the recreational programme of the Church. They have endeavoured to make it purposeful through the co-ordination of the cultural with the physical activities.

We cannot all be artists, but through participation in the cultural activities offered in the M.I.A., we can develop a deep appreciation for good speaking, music, drama, literature, art, and all beauty in general—bringing a richness and fulness to our living.

3. Would all forms of pleasure be considered appropriate recreation for the members of our Church?

High standards of recreation are set by the M.I.A. Diversions of leisure time must give the individual added health, knowledge and spiritual strength. If they fail to do this, they are not true recreation. Lorado Taft has said, "Vital are the leisure hours, for in them we win or lose eternity." Another statement is, proper recreation determines the plane of living in later life, and improper use of leisure time lowers that plane unalterably. The person whose free time has been spent properly in such activities as gardening, reading, playing games in which the rules are strictly obeyed, tramping, or swimming, has developed higher thoughts and ideals, and a better personality than if he had spent his leisure time in loafing, telling shady stories, or smoking and drinking.

4. What are the benefits to be derived from proper recreation?

The Spirit of God cannot live in an unclean body. A clean, healthy body for the dwelling place of the spirit, and a spirit that is in tune with God are the blessings and benefits derived from properly used leisure time.

If the panel method is not used for this suggested outline, short talks on the questions asked and answered may be given.

Special Music.

Moments of Re-creation—responses from the audience.

After the panel discussion is completed, if time permits, let members in the audience previously appointed, stand and recount, briefly, experiences which have given them moments of spiritual uplift. For example: a sunset; a rainbow; the view from a mountain peak; a poem; a prayer; a testimony meeting.

PRIMARY

Acting Supervisor: Edna Gardner

Take a dozen little clouds and a little patch of blue,
Take a million raindrops, and as many sunbeams too,
Take a host of violets, a wandering little breeze,
And myriads of leaflets dancing on the trees,
Then mix them well together, in the very quickest way,
Showers and sunshine, birds and flowers,
And you have an April day.

For the Teacher.

Often the teacher, unaccustomed to teaching children, has trouble with discipline. These words of guidance come to such teachers from one of many years experience: "First love the children; love them as they are, no matter how trying they seem to be, keep on loving them. They will feel what you are thinking. They will know what you are and act upon it. Then, be kind; be sure; be firm."

It is a privilege to teach, for you are serving Him in this service to children.

Objective:

To help the child to feel that Jesus loves him.

Theme:

"Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as a little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

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